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Reference Airgram suggests several ways of increasing safety of flight of aircraft in corridors after Soviet walkout RASC. As additional way, suggest air traffic experts study feasibility of establishing blocks of space (i.e. altitudes and geographic areas) in corridors in which Western aircraft would not fly. If technically feasible and worthwhile, we could cause these areas to be publicized in such way as to bring to attention of Soviets and East Germans corridor airspace their aircraft could safely use. By such announcement Western Powers would give appearance of being reasonable and understanding of Soviet and East German air traffic problem without violating Western position that corridors are unlimited in height and that their use is unrestricted. At same time such announcement would make it more difficult for Soviets or East Germans to bar operation of Western aircraft on air traffic safety grounds because safe means of maintaining operations of East aircraft would be provided.

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